

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-9 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A toner seal member maintainable ~~which is to be kept~~ in contact with a rotating member to seal a toner, wherein ~~wherein~~; said toner seal member has a ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet on a support layer formed of an elastic member, ~~member~~; said ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet having a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 10 μm , and having a void fraction of from 0.85 to 0.90.

2. (Currently Amended) The toner seal member according to claim 1, wherein said ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet has a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 8 μm .

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The toner seal member according to claim 1, wherein said ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet comprises a polyester ~~nonwoven~~ non-woven fabric.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The toner seal member according to claim 5, wherein said ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet comprises a polyester ~~nonwoven~~ non-woven fabric.

7. (Currently Amended) A process cartridge detachably mountable to the main body of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, said apparatus; the process cartridge comprising:

an image bearing member; and

a toner seal member kept in contact with ~~the~~ said image bearing member to seal a toner, ~~wherein;~~ wherein said toner seal member has a ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet on a support layer formed of an elastic ~~member, member;~~ said ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet having a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 10 μm , and having a void fraction of from 0.85 to 0.90.

8. (Currently Amended) The process cartridge according to claim 7, wherein said ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet has a fiber diameter of from 2 μm to 8 μm , ~~and has a void fraction of from 0.85 to 0.90.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The process cartridge according to claim 8, wherein said ~~nonwoven-fabric~~ non-woven fabric sheet comprises a polyester ~~nonwoven~~ non-woven fabric.